**Step one**: Together as a group you are going to analyze the list of major events during the Classical Period. As a group you are going to select 9 dates as the most influential and record them in the box below in chronological order.

**Take events and place them in chronological order below**

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**Step two**: Quickly sketch a timeline of the 9 events that your group has chosen on the line below.

**Timeline Reflection**

1. Using the timeline that you created, would you change the years of the classical time period from 600BCE-600CE to something else? Circle one YES or NO
2. If so, what would the new years for your time period be? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step three**: Together as a group you are going in RANK them in order of importance in the graphic organizer below (record the most important event in the top circle and the least in the bottom)

Least Important

Most Important

**Step Four**: Questions for reflection

1. College Board has termed the period 600BCE-600CE “Organization and Reorganization of Human Societies” and most historians refer to it as the Classical Civilizations. Using the nine most events of the time period that your group came up with determine a new nickname for the time period. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Your textbook calls this unit “Second-Wave Civilizations: 500BCE-500CE.” Justify the textbook’s use of different dates than College Board to define classical societies. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Step Five:** We are going to have a group discussion on our findings and debate what the best dates are to define when the classical societies occurred and what the best nickname for the period should be.

Classical Periodization Activity

Below is a list of 33 dates that we have discussed and/or read about during the Classical Period. In your groups you are going to use this list to complete the periodization activity worksheet.

1. 660-583 BCE Life of Zarathustra founder of Zoroastrianism
2. 559 BCE Cyrus conquers and creates the Achaemenid Empire (Persian)
3. 551-479BCE Life of Confucius (Confucianism)
4. 530BCE-79CE Judaism in consolidated as a religion
5. 530s BCE Siddhartha Gautama searches for cause of suffering (Buddhism)
6. 522 BCE Darius I organizes the Achaemenid Government
7. 509 BCE Roman Republic Formed
8. 500sBCE Founding of Athenian Democracy
9. 500s BCE Founding of Jainism
10. 500sBCE Thorough spread of Hinduism
11. Late 500s BCE Taoism founded by Laozi
12. 492-479BCE Persian Wars
13. 470-322BCE Lives of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle (Greek Philosophers)
14. 403-221BCE Period of Warring States (Zhou Dynasty China)
15. 336-323BCE Alexander’s Campaign into Persia and Northern South Asia
16. 321-185BCE Mauryan Empire in South Asia
17. 300-100BCE Hellenistic Empires in Europe, Middle East and South Asia/Central Asia
18. 280-233BCE Life of Han Feizi (a founder of Legalism)
19. 268-232BCE Rule of Ashoka Maurya
20. 221-207BCE Qin Dynasty in East Asia (China)
21. 206 BCE- 220CE Han Dynasty in East Asia (China)
22. 180BCE-180CE Kushan Empire in Northern South Asia/Central Asia
23. 139-126BCE Travels of Zhang Qian (legend of founding of Silk Roads)
24. 46BCE Julius Caesar seizes power in Rome
25. 27BCE Augustus makes Rome an empire ending Republic Period
26. 1st Century CE Christianity emerges and spreads.
27. 27BCE- 180CE Pax Romana- Roman Peace and Prosperity
28. 320CE- 500CE Gupta Empire in South Asia
29. 250CE-900CE Height of Mayans in Mesoamerica
30. 313CE Legalization of Christianity by Constantine in Edict of Milan
31. 330CE Constantine moves Roman capital to Constantinople
32. 476 CE Fall of Roman Empire
33. 553 CE White Huns invade Gupta causing collapse